

FRITZ AND PAT HOLD AVENUE A PARTY

J. W. Gates Association Has
Parade and Feed That
Split Welkin.

ANCIENT FEUD BURIED

Biggest East Side Club Hies
Eagerly to Kraut and
Irish Stew.

CLOSING HOUR UNKNOWN

Racket Almost Stacks Up to
Glad, Golden Days of
Ginger McGinnis.

One of the greatest social events in the whole hectic history of Avenue A was held yesterday afternoon and last night, when the J. W. Gates Association pulled off its annual pig's knuckle and sauerkraut and Irish stew fat men's parade and banquet. To equal the affair which was held in Leppig's Hall from late afternoon until early morning one must go back to the golden days of Ginger McGinnis, the only Irish pushcart peddler on the East Side; Glogstein and Rosey the lawyer. But there was something to celebrate with those days. However, for the matter of that, there is now.

The Nineteen-twenty-two racket of the J. W. Gates Association, which was seen (and heard) by not fewer than 200,000 highly interested and entertained citizens of the most populous section of New York, was notable in that it signalled the resumption of an entente between the Heinies and the Micks. Fritz and Pat got together after years of estrangement that had torn families apart, set father against son and son against father, broken up clubs and lifetime associations and raised h. e. double i. generally.

The feud between the Germans and the Irish began years back, before the war, and the start of it is lost in the mists of antiquity, the steam of frankfurters, the golden fogs of Jameson's five star. It had something to do with the relative glories of German and Irish poetry, as Izzy Finkelstein, one of the Micks and seven-eighths Irish at that, recalled yesterday, and it was one of the grandest rough houses ever known south of Fourteenth street and east of Told avenue. The patrol wagons were going until well on toward morning and six large industries virtually were crippled until the constabulary and the law had appeased themselves.

Well, time went on, as they say in the movies. Along came the war with a lot of good Germans on the East Side send-

ing their boys to the draft camps and a lot of good Irish fathers doing the same. Whenever the Heinies sent a boy to Yaphank or Upton or wherever it happened to be, the whole German community of Avenue A celebrated the fact with a beer party, and the boy got the right kind of start, the start that a boy is denied nowadays. Whenever the Micks sent a lad to camp, they too gave a racket. But never did Germans and Irish celebrate together the glorious honor of being fathers of rising young American soldiers. Memories of the great rough house were too keen, too bitter.

The boys went over seas, both Heinies and Micks. There were weeks and months of anxious waiting, of anguished hearts, if the truth be told. In some way the old sorehead dads got to speaking to each other, a little gruffly at first; possibly just a surly inquiry after the other's boy. But the feeling grew, expanded, warmed. The women folk helped it on. First thing the neighborhood knew both Micks and Heinies were dropping around to Leppig's in the old way and doing the best they could with the materials at hand. When the war ended and the boys came home, no longer Heinies or Micks but Yanks, fighting Americans from heel to crown, they laughed away the last traces of the queer old feud.

Wound Fully Healed.

Yesterday's big party celebrated the thorough healing of the old wound. It was the first big party given in honor of the event. The J. W. Gates Association, biggest social club on the lower East Side, strongly German, but with very numerous Irish elements, was itself again, united and harmonious, old Heinies marching arm in arm with old Micks, their stalwart sons, still showing the straight, drilled back of the United States Army, cheering them on. The whole party lasted from 3 P. M. to one hour you please.

It began in the afternoon with a street parade that one doesn't often see on the East Side, a parade cheered on by 200,000 persons, or so, who were taking the air on the holiday. First came a police escort in a flivver, the coppers very stiffly upright and conscious of their importance. Then came drum majors in black and white, and a leading a splendid band. Afterward walked the costumed corps of the Gates Association, 150 or so of the fattest and tallest members grotesquely costumed as burlesque policemen, bums, mandarins, negro minstrels, Uncle Sams, snake charmers, Abraham Lincolns, sailors, George Washingtons, etc., etc., two men elephants and dromedaries and even a forty foot python with a dozen men squirming the enormous fake serpent skin. Back of these walked the more or less plain members, mostly young fellows. They marched through Fourth street from Avenue A to Second avenue, back through Fifth street then up and down Avenue A awhile and finally disbanded and surged into Leppig's to sit down before good things that had been roasting and stewing for hours.

FRATERNITIES BEGIN CONFERENCES TO-DAY

Delegates From 52 Organizations to Attend.

The National Interfraternity Conference will meet to-day and to-morrow at the Hotel Pennsylvania for its fourteenth annual session. More than 200 delegates, representing fifty-two fraternities and coming from nearly 100 institutions, are expected to attend.

Among the speakers will be Senator George Wharton Pepper of Pennsylvania, Thomas R. Marshall, former Vice-President of the United States, and Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War. The subjects will include such topics as the relation of the fraternity to the college, the movement for economy in education, the proper development of freshmen and the fraternity's relation to the parents of its members.

WILL SUE MORE WAR CAMP CONTRACTORS

Daugherty, in New Suits, to
Seek Recovery of \$20,000-
000 to \$30,000,000.

CRIMINAL ACTION LIKELY

Believed Portended by Evi-
dence Being Given to Spec-
ial Grand Jury.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (Associated Press).—Additional civil suits, involving \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 which the Government hopes to recover for alleged overcharges and waste in connection with the construction of certain army cantonments during the war, are being prepared by the Department of Justice and probably will be filed within ten days.

The first suits against war camp contractors were filed last week and it was understood then that they were the forerunners of other actions. It also was indicated that criminal proceedings were possible.

The actions brought last week involved the construction of Camps Upton, Sherman, Jackson and Funston and sought the recovery of more than \$20,000,000. Cantonments built during the war cost the Government a total of \$208,000,000 and it is said Attorney General Daugherty hopes to recover between \$50,000,000 and \$80,000,000 as overcharges.

Preparation of the civil suits has been under the direction of Roscoe C. McCulloch, a special assistant to the Attorney-General, who, as a member of a special House committee, made an extensive investigation several years ago of alleged war frauds, particularly those relating to army camp construction. During the week Mr. McCulloch, with a corps of assistants, has been before a special Federal Grand Jury, called here to consider alleged wartime frauds. No information has been obtainable as to the nature of the evidence being presented, but it has been strongly indicated that Mr. Daugherty was determined to make an exhaustive investigation of alleged war frauds with a view to instituting criminal actions.

ANNAPOLIS INQUIRY TO-DAY.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ANNAPOLIS, Nov. 30.—It is believed the members of the court of inquiry, appointed by Secretary Denby to investigate alleged intoxication among the midshipmen after the football game last Saturday in Philadelphia, will reach Annapolis to-morrow and get to work promptly.

As a rule sessions of such bodies are open to the public and it is expected this will be the procedure in this instance.

CIVIL SERVICE RECEPTION.

The Civil Service Forum, comprised of civil service employees, of which Frank J. Prial, Deputy Comptroller, is president, will hold its annual reception on Saturday night at the Sixty-ninth Regiment Armory. The Fire Department quartet, the Police Glee Club and the Street Cleaning Department Band are on the program of entertainment, which, according to the committee in charge, will be replete with vaudeville numbers.

DIES REFUSING TO TELL WHO SHOT HIM IN FIGHT

Thomas Flanagan Was Brother
of Frank, Tried for Murder

Thomas Flanagan, 30, died in Bellevue Hospital yesterday of a gunshot wound in the chest, inflicted in a fight near Second avenue and Twentieth street. Malachi Flanagan of 348 East Forty-eighth street, father of Thomas, telephoned to the East Fifty-first street station Wednesday night that his son had been brought home in a taxicab seriously wounded. The wounded man refused to give any information as to who shot him.

Thomas was a brother of Frank Flanagan, who was in the death house of Sing Sing for a year and a half awaiting execution for the murder of Patrick Mulhearn, a bartender. He was granted a new trial and is presently in his acquittal. Another brother, Martin, was the proprietor of the Bluebird Cafe in Fourteenth street, from which place Monk Eastman went to his death on the morning of December 28, 1920.

PROJECT OF LICENSING MUSIC TEACHERS AIDED

Means of protecting the public from fake music teachers will be considered by the Mayor's Committee on Music Teaching, which consists of Philip Berolzheimer, Chairman; George P. Nicholson, Acting Corporation Counsel, and John F. Gleehart, Commissioner of Licenses. The committee held a meeting yesterday to consider the project of licensing music teachers, vocal and instrumental, and to report upon methods to protect music students from fraud.

The duties of the advisory committee will be to further an inquiry ordered by the Mayor into the advisability of licensing music teachers, vocal and instrumental, and to report upon methods to protect music students from fraud.

BOY HELD FOR SHOOTING.

Thomas Bumser, aged 16, a messenger, of 14 Franklin street, Maspeth, Queens, was arrested last night by Detective Caputo of the Newton station charged with having shot Joseph Seska, 14, of 121 Hyatt avenue, Winfield, during an altercation in Maurice's woods at Maurice avenue and Franklin street yesterday. Seska is in St. John's Hospital with a bullet wound. Seska had been shooting rabbits.

SENATE CHIEFS PLAN TO FIGHT RADICALS

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Service were announced by Basil M. Manly, director of the service, in the following statement:

"The conferences of progressives called under the auspices of the People's Legislative Service to meet in Washington, December 1 and 2, will be concluded by a dinner given in honor of the new progressive Senators, Representatives and Governors. The dinner will be at the Men's City Club on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Arrangements for accommodating 500 people have been made and several hundred reservations from nearby cities have been made. A large number from Western cities have also signified their intention of being present. This will be the second Congressional dinner of the People's Legislative Service, the first having been held two years ago at the beginning of the present Congress.

"The progressive Senators, Representatives and Governors who were successful at the recent elections will respond to congratulations. The newly elected Senators who will be present are Smith W. Brookhart (Iowa), Lynn J. Frazier (N. D.), Henrik Shipstead (Minn.) and Burton K. Wheeler (Mont.).

"Senator R. B. Howell of Nebraska has written that he is making every effort to arrange his affairs so that it will be possible for him to attend the conference and dinner. Edward Keating (Col.), former member of the House, will act as toastmaster.

"The principal speaker of the evening will be Samuel Undermyer of New York, the noted attorney who for many years has been a conspicuous figure in important work in the interests of the public. Several years ago he conducted for the Pujo Committee on Concentration of Credit a searching investigation of the money trust, and during the last two years has been conducting, as counsel for the Lockwood Committee of the New York Legislature, a series of investigations on housing, insurance, building trade combinations and other questions which intimately concern the people in every part of the country.

"Former Senator Joseph L. Bristow of Kansas, who was one of the famous group of 'fighting insurgents' in the days of Cannon and Aldrich, will also speak.

"The names of other speakers will be announced later. Senator Robert M. La Follette will report to those present at the dinner upon what has been accomplished by the People's Legislative Service during the two years it has been organized."



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